

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

Type of Memorial

☐ Monument *with* Sculpture ☐ Monument with Cannon
☐ Monument *without* Sculpture ☒ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque

Affiliation

☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) ☐ M.O.L.L.U.S.
☐ W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. _____) ☐ Other Allied Order
☐ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
☐ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
☒ Other: Boone County Historical Society

Original Dedication Date 27 Sep 1994 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the first dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

LocationThe Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 0.7 east of Hwy Z on Grassland School Rd W92°07'16" N39°10'12"
 City/Village Centralia Township _____ County Boone

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☒ South ☐ East ☐ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name Boone County Historical Society Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City Columbia State MO Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

not applicable

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☒ Metal ☐ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Galvanized Metal

Material of the Sculpture = ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) n/a
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" _____

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = galvanized metal

Material of Cannon = ☐ Bronze ☐ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = n/a
 Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____
 Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? ☐ If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height 5'5" Width 36 in Depth 6 in or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found n/a

The "Dedication Text" is formed: ☒ cut into material ☐ raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

Upper Sign: Centralia Civil War Battle — September 27, 1864 — One-quarter of a mile northeast of this site a unit of the 36th Missouri Infantry Volunteers while pursuing a band of guerrillas rode into an ambush of approximately 600 men (including Frank and Jesse James) headed by "Bloody Bill" Anderson. The Union troops, commanded by Major A.V.E. Johnson, were (two words unreadable in photo) annihilated on this battleground or while returning to the village of Centralia. 124 Union soldiers and three of the guerrillas were killed.

The largest loss of life in Boone County during the Civil War

Lower Sign: Boone County Historical Society Logo. This Marker is dedicated on September 27, 1994.

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

☐ Cemetery	☐ Park	☐ Plaza/Courtyard
☐ "Town Square"	☐ Post Office	☐ School
☐ Municipal Building	☐ State Capitol	Other: <u>Roadside</u>
☐ Courthouse	☐ College Campus	_____
☐ Traffic Circle	☐ Library	_____

General Vicinity

☒ Rural (low population, open land)
☐ Town

☐ Suburban (residential, near city)
☐ Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial
☒ Street/Roadside within 20 feet ☐ Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
☐ Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
☐ Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)
 Any other significant environmental factor _____

Condition Information**Structural Condition** (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments *without* Sculpture - including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	n/a
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	n/a
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	n/a
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	n/a

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	_____	_____
White crusting	_____	_____
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	_____	_____
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	_____	_____
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	_____	_____
Chalky or powdery stone	_____	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	_____
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	_____	_____
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	_____	_____
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe... very clean, fine condition, except lettering very difficult to photograph	_____	_____

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to determine
If known, identify type of coating.

☐ Gilded ☐ Painted ☐ Varnished ☐ Waxed ☐ Unable to determine
Is the coating in good condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

☒ Well maintained ☐ Would benefit from treatment ☐ In urgent need of treatment ☐ Unable to determine

Overall Description

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

five year inspection cycle

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 10/01/2005

Your Name Walter E. Busch

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City Pilot Knob

State MO Zip Code 63663

Telephone (314) 630-8407

Please send this completed form to:

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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
National Civil War Memorials Committee

CENTRALIA CIVIL WAR BATTLE

SEPTEMBER 27, 1864

ONE-QUARTER OF A MILE NORTHEAST OF THE SITE OF THE
MISSOURI INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS' MULE FORT, A
ROPE INTO AN AMBUSH OF APPROPRIATELY SITUATED
AND VESSE (JAMES) HEADED BY "BLOOD BELL" (JAMES)
TROOPS, COMMANDED BY MAJOR W. E. JORDAN, WERE
ANNIHILATED ON THIS BATTLEFIELD. IN THE AFTERNOON
OF CENTRALIA.

127 UNDERGRADUATES IN THE 1860s WERE KILLED THE
LARGEST LOSS OF LIFE IN THE CIVIL WAR.



THE BATTLE OF
CENTRALIA
SEPTEMBER 27, 1864